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Mayor Opens 2012 Farmers Market

In opening the 2012 Downtown Farmers Market, April 25, Mayor Nancy McFarlane sang its praises on many counts.

She credited the warm-weather Wednesday emporium as helping to establish City Plaza as "center stage" for Downtown civic events and for contributing to a stronger sense of community.

Mayor McFarlane thanked the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, which manages the market, for its careful selection of vendors, all of whom produce their products in North Carolina, most all from within 90 miles of Downtown Raleigh.

"This is important on so many levels," she said. "It strengthens Raleigh's overall efforts to be a sustainable city. It is healthy for us. If you have questions about the product, there's the guy who made it or grew it. He can tell you exactly what's in it; what was used to grow it.

"It strengthens the local economy by putting dollars in the vendors' hands rather than into costly and far away shipping, packaging and advertising," she continued.

Mayor McFarlane also complimented the Downtown Raleigh Alliance for creating a festival-like atmosphere every Wednesday with live entertainment, and special demonstrations and tastings.

The Downtown Farmers Market operates on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 31

City of Raleigh Issues Bonds In Unprecedented Sale

The City of Raleigh has issued \$147.6 million in general obligation bonds in a bond sale with a historically low interest cost.

The Local Government Commission of North Carolina awarded the bonds to J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at a true interest cost of 2.78 percent, a very favorable result according to the commission. This is the lowest interest rate received by the City for its new money general obligation bonds in at least the last 20 years. The City's bonds received AAA/Aaa ratings by the nation's three major credit rating agencies, the highest rating given. Also, the North Carolina Municipal Council gave the bonds a 93 rating, which is equivalent to a AAA/Aaa rating. The 93 rating for Raleigh's bonds is the highest awarded to any city or county in the state by the Municipal Council.



The \$147.6 million in general obligation bonds consists of \$9 million in Series 2012A two-thirds bonds and \$138.6 million in Series 2012B bonds. The \$9 million in two-thirds bonds will be used for certain City parks and recreation capital projects. The \$138.6 million in bonds will be used to finance various City street, transportation, and parks and recreation capital projects.

Raleigh Police Captain Appears Before N.C. House Committee

Capt. Doug Brugger of the City of Raleigh Police Department recently made a presentation on a department energy efficiency project to a committee of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

As commander of the Police Department's North District, Capt. Brugger oversees 10 hybrid propane-powered police vehicles. He was responsible for a program that converted the vehicles to the alternative energy source to save money while using a domestic resource. The House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Alternative Fuel wanted to hear about the department's success with the program. Capt. Brugger, a 25-year veteran of the Police Department, appeared before the committee on April 19.

"I was part of the propane conversion program from the very beginning, and was one of the trainers on operating the cars and refueling," he said.

Capt. Brugger told members of the House committee that since the Raleigh Police Department began using the hybrid propane-powered vehicles in mid-2011, gasoline savings have amounted to \$16,300. The program has been so successful that the Police Department is currently converting 10 additional vehicles to propane.

Also, the Police Department is testing other ways to conserve gasoline, such as systems that shut off engines in idling patrol vehicles in certain situations. The department also is exploring the use of hybrid vehicles in its motor pool of non-patrol vehicles.

Mayor to Honor Raleigh's Fallen at Saturday Event **4th Annual Run 4 Our Heroes; Memorial for Raleigh's Fallen Officers**

Mayor Nancy McFarlane will participate in Saturday morning's ceremony honoring Raleigh's eight who lost their lives in the line of duty. She will be joined by members of the Raleigh police Department and family members of the fallen officers.

All proceeds from the Fourth Annual Run 4 Our heroes 5K Race on Saturday will go to the Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation's fund to build a memorial to the Raleigh police Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. A ceremonial wreath-laying to honor their lives will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Nash Square, across Hargett Street from the Avery C. Upchurch Government complex and the former Raleigh police Department's headquarters.

The 5K race/walk follows a certified course in hip/historic Downtown Raleigh. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. on Dawson Street and circles Downtown, past the state Capitol, north to William Peace University, south past the Governor's Mansion and back west to Nash Square. The course is mostly flat.

Everyone is invited to participate in the 4th Annual Run for Our Heroes – runners, walkers, adults, kids and supporters. The entry fee is \$30. For registration information, visit www.runforourheroes.org or contact Kim Swinson at 919-996-1233. To register online and pay by credit card, visit www.SPORToften.com.

At 10:00 a.m., the McGruff Crime Dog 100-Yard Kids Dash will be held at Nash Square. The dash is for children ages 10 and younger. The entry fee is \$5.

A free social for event participants will follow the race at Napper Tandy's Restaurant 126 North West Street.

The Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation is dedicated to honoring the lives and memories of police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty while serving the City of Raleigh. The foundation is a charitable, non-profit, private organization and is separate from the City of Raleigh Police Department. For more information visit the Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation website at <http://rpdmemorial.org/>.

The eight fallen officers and the dates of their deaths are: Tom Crabtree, Sept. 1, 1922; Robert Sparks, March 8, 1968; James Lee, Dec. 5, 1968; James Allen, Dec. 5, 1968; D.D. Adams, Feb. 3, 1980; Denise Holden, Aug. 4, 1995; Paul Hale, July 11, 1997; and Charles Paul, Sept. 10, 2002.

CASA Is A Critical Housing Link

Since 1992, the most vulnerable residents of Raleigh have had someone they could count on. The Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes (CASA), a non-profit community development organization has been developing and managing safe, supportive housing for people with disabilities and severe financial limitations. More than 1,000 people have managed to find a safe haven to call home because of CASA's efforts.

For many of those seeking CASA's help, survival is a day-to-day effort. Things such as hope and opportunity are alien experiences for these individuals as they try to manage the most basic of human tasks.

"A lot of our clients just receive disability compensation," said Debra King, executive director of CASA. "The support we get from the City of Raleigh is critical."

The City of Raleigh provides \$89,000 annually from its Human Services Appropriations. In Wake County, CASA manages 196 units of supportive housing. With a waiting list of more than 300 people, Mrs. King said that there is no end to the work.

"That waiting list doesn't reflect our true need," Mrs. King said. "We don't have a lot of movement in our housing. It's not like our clients are going to suddenly get an increase in their disability payments."

They don't have the ability to move out. We take the dollars we receive from the City and leverage them with federal grants to try and provide more housing."

The average CASA tenant receives about \$670 each month from disability compensation. Rent in a CASA building is 30 percent of a resident's income. So the average tenant pays about \$180 a month in rent. Mrs. King said that the funds from the City help make up the difference in the cost to CASA.

"Originally, CASA was formed to bridge the gap in a community's housing needs for people with disabilities through a partnership with Wake County Human Services. A lot of our clients are veterans. We try and develop smaller units. We have a lot of 10-unit buildings."

To develop quality housing, CASA requires both the financial support from the City of Raleigh as well as the emotional support of the community. Once CASA has helped find a safe home for their clients, they also work to establish roots and ties to the community for their clients.

"We've had a lot of success stories. Before we get them into units, a lot of our clients are just trying to survive. They can't get to that next step. But a lot of our tenants have achieved successful lives. Once they have a place they can call their own and where they feel safe, they can become contributing members of their community. That's something that is a benefit to everyone."

For more information contact Debra King at 919-754-9960.

Construction Results in Lane Shifts, Road Closures Along Jones Sausage Road New Intersection Now Open at Rock Quarry Road, Jones Sausage Road and New Hope Road

Construction on Jones Sausage Road has resulted in the closure of Drayford Way at its intersection with Jones Sausage Road and a traffic lane shift to the realigned section of Jones Sausage Road between Rock Quarry Road and Auburn Church Road. Drayford Way traffic is using Parrish Manor Drive until a new entrance is constructed along Jones Sausage Road.

Both lanes of traffic on Jones Sausage Road are using the newly completed north-bound lanes of Jones Sausage Road between Auburn Church Road and Rock Quarry Road while crews finish construction of the south-bound lanes. As a result, Jones Sausage Road now intersects with Rock Quarry Road at New Hope Road.

Citizens are reminded to exercise caution as the construction zone is subject to lane closures, traffic shifts, and construction workers and equipment on and near the roadway. Construction on the \$16.9 million project to widen and realign Jones Sausage Road and widen Rock Quarry Road is expected to be completed this winter.

For more information contact Sammy Wood at 919-996-4059.

Raleigh Applies for TIGER Grant Funding for Union Station

The City of Raleigh, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Triangle Transit, has applied for federal funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program.

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant funding would assist with the costs associated with the first phase of construction of the multimodal transit center known as the "Raleigh Union Station." The project includes the construction of a new train station, multiple improvements to railroad sidings and switches along the North Carolina Railroad corridor, and will include the construction of the planned West Street Extension between Morgan Street and Cabarrus Street.

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. The program enables U.S. Department of Transportation to use a rigorous process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and make investments in our Nation's infrastructure that make communities more livable and sustainable.



Announcements regarding funding awards will likely occur in Fall 2012. For more information contact Eric Lamb at 919-516-2161.

Follow the City of Raleigh on Twitter

Looking for the most up-to-date information from the City of Raleigh? Follow your local government via Twitter! Twitter is a free services that allows you to "follow" people or subjects via short, frequent updates. The City of Raleigh now offers Twitter users the opportunity to stay informed about the latest news and breaking events. To join in, visit www.twitter.com and get started with a few simple steps. Once you have an active account, you can elect to "follow" any of the City's Twitter accounts.

Currently, the City maintains the following accounts:

RaleighGov - This feed features links to any news releases and alerts issued by the City of Raleigh;

RaleighBPAC - This feed features information from the City of Raleigh Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission;

RaleighParks - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department;

RaleighPlanning - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Planning and Development Department;

RalCommServices - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Community Services Department;

RW911 - This feed features traffic accidents reported to the Emergency Communications Center;

RaleighGoGreen - This feed features news and information from the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department Recycling program.

To follow any of these, simply choose "Find People" from your Twitter home page and type in the account name you are interested in and then click "follow." It's that easy.

City Of Raleigh On Facebook

City of Raleigh - The main City of Raleigh Facebook page keeps you informed about events, holidays and other news items.

City of Raleigh Planning and Development - The Raleigh Planning and Development page provides guidance for the growth, preservation and development of the City of Raleigh in order to maintain a community of lasting value.

Community Services Department - The Community Services Department Facebook page posts a variety of community and neighborhood news, stories, awards, classes and Citizen Advisory Council information.

Emergency Communications - The Raleigh-Wake County 911 Facebook page posts information on job openings, public engagement and other 911 related happenings.

Raleigh Police Department - The Raleigh Police Department Facebook page focuses on public safety. Posts concerning crime alerts, missing people, requests for citizen assistance and more.

TRAFFIC ALERTS

For more City of Raleigh News and Updates on Road Closures, Parades and Road Races, visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov.

ROAD RACES

April 28 Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Major street closures for the race include:

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Dawson Street from Hillsborough Street to Davie Street;
9 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
McDowell Street from Cabarrus Street to Hargett Street;

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
McDowell Street from Martin Street to Hargett Street;
9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Wilmington Street from Martin Street to Peace Street;
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Wilmington Street from Martin Street to Hargett Street;
9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Edenton Street from Person Street to Blount Street;
9 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.
Peace Street from Person Street to Salisbury Street;
9 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.
Blount Street from Franklin Street to Hargett Street;
9 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.
Wake Forest Road from Glascock Street to merge into Blount Street; and,
9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Hargett Street from Blount Street to Dawson Street.

April 29 Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Runners will assemble at Edenton Street United Methodist Church. They will proceed west to Hillsborough Street, turn right on Woodburn Road, right on Park, right on Hawthorne, left on Benehan, left on West Park, right on Park, right on East Park, left on College, right on St. Mary's Street, left on Hillsborough Street, and continue on Edenton Street to the church.

Major Street closures for the race include:

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Edenton Street from McDowell Street to Dawson Street;
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Edenton Street from Dawson Street to Hillsborough Street;
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Hillsborough Street from West Street to St Mary's Street;
4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hillsborough Street from West Street to Woodburn Avenue; and,
4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
St Mary's Street from Jones Street to Morgan Street

Traffic will be affected from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. near Centennial Campus for a triathlon.

May 6 Traffic will be affected downtown from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. for a road race. The runners will travel north from the 400 block of Fayetteville Street, turn right on Morgan Street, left on Wilmington Street, left on Edenton Street, left on Salisbury Street, right on Morgan Street, left on Boylan Avenue, left on the westbound lanes of Western Boulevard, left on Wilmington Street, left on Davie Street, left on Fayetteville Street and return to the finish line.

May 12 Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m.

May 13 Traffic will be affected from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. near Wakefield for a roadrace. Runners will enter Sycamore Grove Lane at 8 a.m. and travel north onto Kelway Drive, north to Wakefield Plantation Drive, and return to the YMCA.

May 19 Traffic will be affected near St. Francis Catholic Church for a road race from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The group will assemble on the grounds of St. Francis Catholic Church. The runners will exit the rear parking lot and enter onto Cape Charles Dr and will turn right on Cape Charles and proceed to Dominion Blvd., left on Dominion to a second of Cape Charles Dr. and turn left on Cape Charles and go to the 2 roundabout where they will turn left again and will continue on this section of Cape Charles to Bells Valley Dr. where they will turn left and proceed back to Cape Charles to turn right on Cape Charles back to Dominion Blvd., and turn right on Dominion and proceed to the first section of Cape Charles. The runners will turn right on Cape Charles and return to the St. Francis Catholic parking lot.

Traffic will be affected near Dillard Middle School for a road race. At 9:00 am runners will turn right onto Dillard, right into the Bus Loop, right onto Dillard, right into Dillard Middle School through the carpool loop, left onto Orabelle, left onto Nautia, left onto Olivia, right onto Orabelle, right onto Dillard, left onto Smith, left onto Olive, U-turn on Olive, right onto Smith, right onto Dillard back to the start/finish.

STREET CLOSINGS

April 28 The service road parallel to Glenwood Avenue from Holly Ridge Road to Oak Park Road will be closed from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Also, the 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from Davie Street to the south end of City Plaza from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The 900 block of North Boylan from Wills Forest, north to the dead end will be closed from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

May 4 The 00 block of Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and Wilmington Street will be closed from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. Also, the 200 and 300 blocks Fayetteville Street and the 00 blocks of Davie and Martin Street will be closed 6 p.m. on Friday until Sunday at 2 a.m.

May 5 The 00 block of Davie Street, the 00 block of Martin Street, and the 300 and 400 blocks of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. on May 6.

The 500 block of Branch Street between Garner Road and S. East Street will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, the block of Mangum Street from Branch Street to Bragg will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for a street festival.

Also, the 300 and 400 blocks of E. Hargett Street will be closed between Person Street and S. East Street from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, the 100 block of S. Bloodworth Street will be closed from Morson to Hargett. The 200 block of S. Bloodworth Street will be closed from Martin Street to Hargett Street.

The 1300 block of Oakwood Avenue between Tarboro Road and St. Augustine Drive will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The 300 block of Pell Street between Person and Bloodworth will be closed from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

May 12 The 100 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The 100 block of E. Cabarrus Street between Wilmington Street and Blount Street will be closed from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. on May 13

May 16 Traffic will be affected downtown on May 19 and 20 for Artsposure. The following streets will be closed from 5 a.m. on May 19 to 11 p.m. on May 20:

E. Martin Street from S. Wilmington Street to S. Person Street; S. Blount Street between E. Hargett Street and E. Davie Street; E. Hargett Street between S. Person Street and S. Blount Street; The 100 block of E. Hargett Street; and, Wolfe Street, Blake Street and Parham Street in City Market.

Additionally, the 400 block of Fayetteville Street from Davie Street to the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 3 p.m. on May 16 to 4 p.m. on May 21.

May 19 Traffic will be affected on May 19 as the 1800 block of Wills Avenue between Duncan Street and W. Whitaker Mill Road will be closed from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The 9200 block of Dakins Court will be closed from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

May 25 The 100 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 5 a.m. until 6 p.m.

May 28 The 700 block of McCulloch Street will be closed from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

PARADES

April 28 A short fundraising walk will impact traffic downtown from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The group will travel from Florence Street to Lenoir Street, turn right on Boylan Avenue, right on Cabarrus Street, right on Florence Street and return to the starting point.

May 5 Traffic will be affected along Hillsborough Street for a parade from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The parade will follow the same route as the Raleigh Christmas Parade.

May 28 Traffic will be affected near Mourning Dove Road for a parade from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The group will assemble on the 8300 block of Apple Orchard Way. They will travel south to Mourning Dove Road, left onto Old Deer Trail, left on Clear Brook, left on Mourning Dove, right on Running Cedar Trail, left on Skylark Way to the community pool.

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For information on downtown events visit the Downtown Raleigh Alliance website at www.godowntownraleigh.com and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.visitraleigh.com.

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